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For: DIGITAL FLAT PANEL X-RAY RECEPTOR POSITIONING IN DIAGNOSTIC

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 16, 2004 issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims section which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.

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Accordingly, for at least the above-stated reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1-3, and the claims depending therefrom, are patentable over the cited art.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge the requisite fees to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge the additional claims fees and any additional fees that may be required in connection with this response, and to credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

Allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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